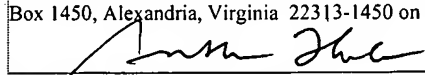


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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension for filing a reply in the above-identified application. A Supplemental Amendment is submitted herewith.

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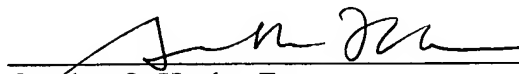
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